

ET-2/RP-94-466 ORDER GRANTING PETITIONS TO INTERVENE

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Cooperative Power's 1994
Resource Plan

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 1, 1994, Cooperative Power filed its proposed resource plan pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 216B.2422 and Minn. Rules, parts 7843.0100-.0600.

On September 14, 1994, the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) filed a petition to intervene in the Cooperative Power resource planning docket. The IWLA stated that the organization and its members have an interest in preserving the state's natural environment through the efficient use and conservation of electric power. If granted intervenor status, the IWLA would focus on Cooperative Power's investment in conservation resources, the proposed expansion at the Coal Creek generating station, and Cooperative Power's consideration of renewable energy sources.

On October 14, 1994, Minnesotans for an Energy Efficient Economy (ME3) filed a petition to intervene in the Cooperative Power resource planning docket. ME3 indicated that its members have an interest in preserving the environment through the wise selection of energy resources, particularly in greater Minnesota. ME3 noted that it has begun a rural-based Sustainable Energy and Economic Development initiative. If granted intervenor status, ME3 would concentrate on such issues as dispersed generation and other supply scenarios, renewable energy sources, demand-side management strategies, capacity retention, transmission and distribution, contingency planning, and environmental impacts of energy use.

No party commented on either petition to intervene.

On November 23, 1994, the petitions for intervenor status came before the Commission for consideration.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission finds that the IWLA and ME3 have the expertise and experience to contribute to the Cooperative Power resource planning process. Both organizations have experience as intervenors in resource planning dockets and related proceedings. The focus of each organization is slightly different, so needless duplication of input should not be an issue.

The Commission will grant IWLA's and ME3's petitions to intervene.

ORDER

1. The Commission grants the IWLA's September 14, 1994, petition to intervene and ME3's October 14, 1994, petition to intervene.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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